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SUBJECT: UPDATED TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY'S MEETINGS
WITH SAUVAGNARGUES AND FITZGERALD, FEBRUARY 18

REF: (A) STATE 35140; (B) STATE 35334

1. IN VIEW OF SAUVAGNARGUES' INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S VIEWS
ON POSSIBLE EC-NINE PEACE-SEEKING INITIATIVE, CONVEYED BY
FRENCH CHARGE IN WASHINGTON, PLEASE INSERT THE FOLLOWING
AS SECOND TALKING POINT IN CYPRUS SECTION OF FRENCH BRIEF-
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ING PAPER: "I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE EC-NINE COM-

MUNIQUE CONVEYED TO US BY YOUR CHARGE IN WASHINGTON. REGARDING THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE IDEA OF SENDING A SPECIAL EC-NINE EMISSARY TO ATHENS, ANKARA, AND NICOSIA, WE APPRECIATE THE EC-NINE'S DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WE WOULD HAVE NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY WITH AN EC-NINE PEACE-SEEKING INITIATIVE BUT ARE FRANKLY DOUBTFUL AS TO WHAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE COULD ACHIEVE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION."

2. PLEASE AMEND FIRST TALKING POINT IN CYPRUS SECTION OF FITZGERALD BRIEFING PAPER TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE APPRECIATED THE HELPFUL ROLE PLAYED BY THE EC ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND SHARE THE COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A

PROMPT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH AN EC-NINE PEACE INITIATIVE OR SPECIAL EMISSARY TO ATHENS, NICOSIA AND ANKARA BUT ARE FRANKLY DOUBTFUL AS TO WHAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE COULD ACHIEVE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION." INGERSOLL

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